# Update

The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc.

Volume 36 | Number 3 | June/July 2014


## CONTENTS


**President's Message . . . . . .1**
*Maggie Chesnutt*

**SOHN 38th Annual Congress . . . .3**

**Congress Highlights. . . . . .5**

**Noteworthy Events. . . . . .6**

**New Members. . . . . .8**

**Meet the Candidates . . . . . .9**

**SOHN Calendar . . . . . .22**

Dear SOHN Colleagues,

If you could spend a day with some of the most powerful men and women in the world, how would you explain to them the importance of the work that you do as a nurse? How would you articulate your day to day workplace responsibilities as well as the issues you face in the larger context of health care? Representing you, the members of SOHN, I had that important opportunity in April through my participation in the Nurse in Washington Internship or NIWI.

NIWI is an annual conference held in our capitol city to educate nurses on health policy and the nuts and bolts of advocating effectively for our profession. It also focuses on the health care issues that impact patient care and delivery. NIWI has been in existence for 24 years and is sponsored by the Nursing Organizations Alliance which represents over 100 specialty nursing organizations. There were over 140 participants from around the country including nurse leaders and executives from nursing organizations and corporations as well as 60 doctoral nursing students.

The first two days of NIWI were filled with the didactic educational principles for learning about health policy, best advocating techniques, and also with becoming familiar with the "Asks" for us to bring to our representatives and senators on the Hill. On the third day of the conference, three other nurses from my home state and I trekked across Capitol Hill to meet with our Congressmen to deliver the "Asks" or request for their support for specific nursing issues. The beauty of a group visit to the Hill is not only safety in numbers, but also each of us brought different professional experiences, expertise and life stories to share with our Congressmen.

The first "Asks" or request we made was for their support for funding Title VIII to support Nursing Workforce programs under the Public Health Service Act. Title VIII was initially signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson 50 years ago and awards federal educational grants, loans and stipends to nursing students. Without this funding, significantly fewer individuals would have had the opportunity to go into the nursing profession. All four of us, at some point in our nursing education, have received federal funding toward our nursing degrees.

The second request was for them to support the funding of $150 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). This amount is less than 0.5 percent of the total National Institutes of Health budget. The funding for NINR helps to expand the nurse scientist community and the number of research initiatives, while allowing for more complex studies focused on health promotion and disease prevention.

The third request was for $20 million in support for nurse-managed health clinics. Our health care delivery system is moving more towards the nurse-managed clinic model for the delivery of primary care. This is especially true in underserved areas where nurse-managed health clinics and nurse practitioners are the area's only primary care providers.

*Continued page 2*

## Update is a publication of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc.

**President**

Maggie Chesnutt MSN FNP-C CORLN

**Vice-President**

Deena B. Hollingsworth MSN FNP-BC CORLN

**Treasurer**

Ramute O. Kemeza BSN RN

**Secretary**

Jo Ferrero RN CORLN

**Please Send Publication Information to the Editor**

Sandra L. Schwartz MS RN CORLN
Executive Director
SOHN National Headquarters
207 Downing Street
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
Phone: 386-428-1695
Fax: 386-423-7566
E-mail: sohnnet@aol.com
Website: www.sohnnurse.com

**SOHN National Headquarters**
207 Downing Street
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

(386) 428-1695
www.sohnnurse.com

The *Update* is Published for SOHN by

For advertising information on the

*Update, ORL-Head* and *Neck Nursing* or for information on publishing your corporate newsletter, contact us at 800-977-0474, or sales@WoodwardBizMedia.com


The last request was for ensuring veterans access to high quality care. As an employee with the Veterans Administration I had a few things to say to my Congressmen. I shared that our medical center, the second fastest growing facility in the country, is meeting the congressional mandate of getting new veterans enrolled and seen for an initial appointment within two weeks. To reach this goal we are working weekends, and using our dedicated administrative time to see new patients. I argued that the VA needs more of me – the advanced practice nurse. By allowing nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of our training and education and by recognizing us as Full Practice Providers, we can further facilitate timely delivery of high-quality health care to our nation's service men and women. We are the solution. What caught me by surprise in the course of this dialogue was when my nurse colleague interjected and asked the congressional legislative assistant if he knew what an advanced practice nurse was. He stated that he did not. She carefully described the four categories of APNs and corresponding responsibilities. I quickly learned that the visit to the Hill was more than requesting support for funding or sharing our perspectives, but also an opportunity to educate what a nurse is and does on different levels based on education, training, and experience.

Our group had very productive meetings with staff members from the offices of Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator Saxby Chambliss and my congressman, (one of my all-time heroes) the civil rights icon Representative John Lewis. I came away with a sense of accomplishment and a rallying call for my nursing colleagues – "Let your voice be heard!" We are being called upon to educate and advocate for our profession.

Keep in mind that advocacy is best carried out in a coordinated fashion. Coalitions have mastered the art of coordinated message as it offers policymakers one voice. The message is then more clearly received and delivers a stronger impact. As Suzanne Miyamoto, Director of Government Affairs and Health Policy with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing related, "We do not have to say the same thing all of the time, but when the opportunity arises to share a coordinated message the profession wins." This calls for being in the know about current healthcare policy and nursing issues. Join your state's Action Coalition to get in the loop. Follow this link to learn about Action Coalitions and how to coordinate your message with fellow colleagues: http://www.thefutureofnursing.org/content/action-coalitions

I encourage you to communicate with your elected officials, as they are making decisions about how you can and cannot practice. Nursing education and practice must be defined and governed by nurses. Start with your professional organization, SOHN, and join the Health Policy and Advocacy committee (formerly called Government Relations). Our chair, Sharon Jamison, will welcome your participation. Contact your representatives and senators via email, snail mail, telephone or stop by their office to meet them. Tell them that you are happy to be a resource for them. Invite them to your workplace. They may be shocked to find out what you do during the normal course of a day, the decisions you are responsible for and the complicated care that you coordinate and deliver. Then continue to stoke that relationship with ongoing communication to be sure they have the nursing community's priorities foremost in their minds. Be positive and always thank them for their time.

My call to you, fellow ORL colleagues, is to step out of your comfort zone and get involved. There is a popular phrase in Washington, "either you are at the table or on the menu." If the nursing profession does not step to the plate, we will be left behind.

All the best,

*Maggie Chesnutt*

Maggie Chesnutt, MSN, FNP, BC, CORLN
President of SOHN

# Be Inspired ~ SOHN's 38th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida

**September 19 - 23, 2014 • Hyatt Regency Orlando – Orlando, Florida**

*See the May Update for registration forms, or register online at www.sohnnurse.com*

## Inspired Attractions

With seven of the world's top 20 theme parks in one destination, not to mention nearly 100 other attractions, Orlando certainly knows how to entertain. After a day full of ORL nursing education, a leisurely escape to a world of imagination and fantasy will leave you feeling refreshed and inspired. Whether seeking to reconnect with childhood nostalgia or experience leading-edge innovations in ride technology, these latest additions are truly one-of-a-kind.

### Walt Disney World

Walt Disney World, king of theme park resorts, is a massive complex that can take planning and expertise to navigate smoothly. Here are the basics: There are four theme parks at Walt Disney World — the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom. That said, don't try to see everything – it's impossible. Pick a few must-do attractions and take everything slowly. It's the details that make Walt Disney World a magical place.

### Universal Orlando Resort – The Wizarding World of Harry Potter

Transport yourself to Hogwarts, sip some Butterbeer or browse the shops at Hogsmeade in this faithful recreation of the world of Harry Potter at Universal's Islands of Adventure theme park. A pair of coasters – Dragon Challenge and Flight of the Hippogriff – satisfy thrill-seekers, while fans can also line up for a chance to have a wand choose them at Ollivanders. Tuck into some fish and chips, a Cornish pasty or shepherd's pie at the Three Broomsticks, and grab some pumpkin juice at the adjacent Hog's Head Pub. Islands of Adventure is also home to some of the best and most thrilling theme park rides in Orlando.

### SeaWorld

This aquatic theme park may be best known for its live show featuring mascot Shamu, but recent expansions have created an interactive, high-tech marine playground. One of SeaWorld's newest additions, Turtle Trek, is a 360-degree, 3-D movie that takes guests through the hidden world of Nyah, a deep sea turtle hatchling. Sharks, flotsam and assorted sea life are so realistic, you'll be ducking and weaving throughout the entire performance. Get personal with penguins, sharks, dolphins, flamingos and pelicans at live shows. Splurge a bit and spend the day at SeaWorld's Discovery Cove park, where you'll have the chance to swim, touch and play with bottlenose dolphins, snorkel with tropical fish and stingrays.

### Legoland

Central Florida's newest major theme park, Legoland is a playground for the creative at heart. The 150 acres that make up this world dedicated to those squarish building blocks is packed with 50 rides and several shows and attractions.

### Gatorland

Visit an old-time Orlando theme park with teeth. Gatorland, which opened in 1949 as a roadside attraction, has expanded to a 110-acre habitat for alligators, crocodiles, snakes and other exotic wildlife. Live shows — gator wrestling, up-close encounters, a train ride through the swamp and a zip line overhead — can fill a day with plenty of scaly thrills.

## Request for Absentee Ballot

Please send an absentee ballot for the 2014 Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses election. I understand that mailing of this ballot to me in the manner and form approved discharges SOHN's responsibility to me in the matter of absentee voting. I further understand that requesting an absentee ballot removes my name from the list of eligible voters at Congress. Absentee ballots must be received at SOHN Headquarters by **September 6, 2014.**

"Request for Absentee Ballot" must be received at SOHN Headquarters by **August 2, 2014.**

No "group requests" will be honored. Send "Request for Absentee Ballot" to:

SOHN
207 Downing Street
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
or fax this form to 386-423-7566
or include this information in an emailed request to sohn1@earthlink.net

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Signature (Required to receive ballot)

## Attention All SOHN Students!!!

We want to help PAY for your professional education!

Apply by July 1st for an educational scholarship to pursue your studies

- Allied Health to BSN degree
- RN to BSN degree
- Graduate Degree Scholarship Awards $1,000 – $1,500

### Dining & Entertainment Districts

Orlando is a true culinary hot spot with award-winning restaurants and celebrity chefs that cater to visitors from across the globe. There's an extensive menu of fine-dining establishments, international eateries, casual cafés and chic wine bars for just about any taste or budget. Looking for an upscale steakhouse or a night of dancing? What about a jazz club or a new neighborhood bistro? Or want to check out where the locals wine and dine? Orlando has it all. The destination's distinctive dining and entertainment districts include the Convention Area, Restaurant Row, Winter Park, Downtown, Universal/CityWalk and Disney/Lake Buena Vista.

### Energized Nightlife

From casually sipping wine at a trendy outdoor lounge, to dancing at a high-energy club and checking out a rock band at a live venue, Orlando provides participants with nearly unlimited nighttime opportunities. You can see music performances at the House of Blues in Downtown Disney® and Hard Rock Live at Universal CityWalk®. Experience mind-bending entertainment with the Blue Man Group and the La Nouba™ by Cirque du Soleil®. Or discover a modern, big-city nightlife scene in downtown Orlando that includes dozens of dance clubs, bars, restaurants, and live music.

### Distinctive Shopping

When it comes to distinctive shopping, Orlando has something for all budgets. While the destination can certainly bring out the glitz, it also knows a great deal when we see one. Our mix of sophisticated malls like The Mall at Millenia, quaint boutiques on Park Avenue in Winter Park, and value-driven outlet centers serve up internationally known brands and unique local finds. And the close proximity to the convention center district, within a 15-mile radius, makes for a stress-free shopping spree.

### Golf Legends

With 176 courses, it makes sense that Orlando was recently named the North American Golf Destination of the Year by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators. Play 18 holes on greens designed by golf legends including Palmer, Watson, Nicklaus and Norman. Or try the Rees Jones-designed, 18-hole championship golf course shared by the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek and the Waldorf Astoria Orlando.

### Destination Spas

Many of Orlando's 19 destination spas are conveniently located at convention hotels, making the temptation nearly impossible to resist. Whether seeking a traditional experience, sports recovery or even a group outing to be pampered in unison, the spas provide a unique menu of services that allows you to emerge for the next day's sessions, energized and ready to go.

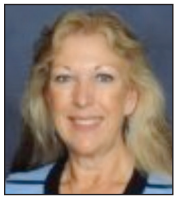
# Congress 2014 Highlights

## Invited Guest Speakers

### Keynote Address

*Saturday, September 20 • 1:15 p.m.*

***Innovation, Imagination and Inspiration***



**Tina Prince, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC**
Chief Nurse, Nursing Support Sevices
James A. Haley VA Hospital

In her address Tina Prince will focus on the journey of today's nurse, discussing the various levels of entry into our profession and options for continuing education tracks. The presentation will address challenges and barriers that nurses encounter during their journey and innovative ideas to overcome the obstacles. She will also share information from the IOM 2010 report – "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health".

Tina Prince, DNP, MBA, RN, NEABC is the Associate Nurse Executive of Mental Health at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Dr. Prince is an Army Veteran, with 27 years nursing experience. Her career includes cardiac and critical care nursing and executive leadership. She is the recipient of several professional honors and awards including the Patriot Award 2010. Active member of professional organizations most notably: American Organization of Nurse Executives-VA/Military Nurse Leader Committee and Florida Organization of Nurse Executives- Education Committee and Sigma Theta Tau. She is a VA Certified Mentor and a strong proponent of continued learning through both formal and informal education. As a leader in Mental Health Nursing, she has served on the Office of Nursing Service Mental Health Field Advisory Council; Steering Committee for the National RN Residency Program and selection committee for the VA Nursing Academy. She has attended VA Central Office Service Chief Training, Behavior Leadership Training and National Mental Health Conferences where several nursing staff presented evidence based practices developed during her tenure. She has served as a Coach for Competency Development for Leadership and a PRIDE mentor. She participants in organizational committees such as MH System Redesign Collaborative, Nursing and Hospital Strategic Planning Groups, Magnet Gap Analysis and Planning group and CARF Steering Committee.

Tina has presented and written extensively on practice innovations, the nursing leadership imperative, meeting IOM recommendations and leading a Magnet re-designation writing team. You are sure to be inspired by her story, her acumen in healthcare trends, nursing practice, and innovations in patient care.

### Featured Session

*Tuesday, September 23 • 12:45 p.m.*

***The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health***

**Mary Lou Brunell, MSN, RN**
Executive Director, Florida Center for Nursing
Co-Lead, Florida Action Coalition

Mrs. Brunell will present information on how the Florida Center for Nursing is able to describe with great accuracy its present and future nurse workforce. She will introduce participants to the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers and discuss how it relates to the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. The Florida Action Coalition will be described as a model of state level effort to achieve the recommendations of the IOM report The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.

Mary Lou Brunell was appointed to the position of Executive Director for the Florida Center for Nursing in November 2002. Mrs. Brunell completed her graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked as a critical care nurse, administrator, and educator prior to her current commitment to nurse workforce and health policy issues. Mrs. Brunell's professional activities include appointment to the National Advisory Council for Nurse Education and Practice. In partnership with the Florida Blue Foundation, Mrs. Brunell co-leads the Florida Action Coalition, convened to advance the recommendations of the IOM report – Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.

### Closing Session

*Tuesday, September 23 • 1:45 p.m.*

***Transitional Care-It's Here to Stay***

**Connie Yuska, MS, RN, CORLN**
Vice President - System of Care
ACNO, Northwest Community Healthcare

This session will examine how healthcare in the United States is going through a revolution. Some have speculated that no single event in the history of healthcare in our country has been as significant as the changes that we have experienced and will continue to experience. How and where patients receive healthcare is changing rapidly. The role of the nurse leader in guiding those changes is critical. This course will describe how nurse leaders can be instrumental in leading changes in care models in their own settings.

## ENT-NF Lectureships

The Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing Foundation is pleased to present and underwrite the following sessions this year:

### Lois Moore-Rogers Pediatric Otolaryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 21
9:00 -10:00 a.m.

*Nurse Navigator Role for Infants and Young Children with Critical Airway Conditions*
Kevin Mary Callans BSN RN

### Cynthia Mabry Otolaryngic Allergy Lectureship

Sunday, September 21
10:30-11:30 a.m.

*Immunotherapy: SCIT and SLIT – What's the Difference?*
Jane Cooper FNP-BC CORLN

### Kalynn Quinn Hensley Head-Neck/Laryngology Lectureship

Sunday, September 21
12:45-1:45 p.m.

*Building a Bridge...Finding a Voice*
Ann Goulette RN
Jane Gallagher RN
Kevin Mary Callans BSN RN

## Noteworthy Courses and Events

### ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course

*Friday, September 19 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.*
*(ticketed course – additional fee)*

Topics include:

- Immunotherapy: SCIT & SLIT – What's the Difference?
- Pharmacologic Management of Nasal Conditions Associated with Systemic Diseases
- Dropping Acid: Pharmacological Update on Management of GERD/LPR
- Herbal Therapies: Utilization in Your ENT Practice
- Antineoplastic Drug Treatments for Head and Neck Cancer
- Soaring to New Heights: New Ways to Get High
- Post FESS Pharmacologic Management

### Comprehensive ORL and Head-Neck Nursing Course

*Friday, September 19 • 7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.*
*Course continues on Saturday, September 20 • 8:50 – 11:05 a.m.*
*(ticketed course – additional fee)*

The overall purpose of this course is to provide the ORL nurse with an overview of common ear, nose and throat problems/disorders and their management. The material has been divided into sections to include: Otology; Disorders of the Nose, Sinuses and Oral Cavity; Pediatric Otolaryngology Issues; Head and Neck Disorders; and Treatment Modalities for Head and Neck Cancer. Each of the anatomical sections will review the normal anatomy, common disorders, etiology, symptoms, diagnostic evaluation and management. The course is ideal for the nurse who is new in the otolaryngology specialty or for the seasoned ORL nurse seeking a good review.

### Getting to Know You in Orlando
**(An Insider's Secrets to Congress 2014)**

*Saturday, September 20 • 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.*

Each year a number of attendees come to SOHN's Congress for the first time. If you are a first-timer, choose to attend the First-Time Attendee Orientation. First-Timers will be greeted by SOHN's National Congress Planning Committee and many volunteers who have "been there and done that". In addition to meeting other first-time attendees, you will hear insider's secrets to help you get the most out of Congress 2014.

### Opening Ceremony

*Saturday, September 20 • 1:15 p.m.*

Plan to attend the Opening Ceremony and show your support to friends and colleagues and celebrate the accomplishments of the Society, the activities of our countless volunteers and the achievements of our members. SOHN President, Maggie Chesnutt, will preside over this exciting event!

### Special Interest Group Meetings

*Saturday, September 20 • 3:15 – 5:30 p.m.*

ORL Nursing covers a wide range of subspecialties, each of which present a special set of skills and unique knowledge base. SOHN special interest groups (SIGs) will link you with other members practicing in your designated subspecialty. All SIGS will be meeting at Congress. Join a SIG and share your ideas and gain new information.

### Posters

Posters will be displayed and available for viewing during Congress. Posters will reflect various administration, education, clinical practice, and research topics of interest to ORL nurses. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your knowledge with other ORL nurses.

There are monetary rewards for outstanding posters at Congress. Do not miss this opportunity to share your ideas and possibly win one of the poster awards. Applications are available on the SOHN website with the other conference information.

Application Deadline ~ June 24

## SOHN's President's Gala

**Titanic - The Experience**

*Saturday Evening, September 20, 2014*

*$65 (Includes tour, dinner, re-enactment and transportation)*

Redesigned in 2012, Titanic: The Experience immerses visitors in the more than 100 year old story as never experienced before.

**Titanic The Experience, exclusively features...**

- A 17 gallery, 20,000 square foot Interactive Museum
- Guided tours led by trained actors in period dress portraying actual Titanic notables
- "Little Big Piece" a 3-ton section of the Ship's hull and the second largest piece of Titanic ever recovered
- Full-scale recreations of her Grand Staircase, First Class Cabin, Verandah Cafe and more

Hundreds of thousands of visitors each year come to stroll through full-scale recreations of famous Titanic rooms, including her Grand Staircase, First Class Parlor Suite, Boilers, and Promenade Deck, where you can walk out and feel the chill of the cold Atlantic air as you gaze at the stars.

Exceptionally trained actors in period costume portray famous Titanic notables such as Captain Smith and Margaret Brown, sharing stories of her passengers and crew during a guided journey on board the most famous ship in history. The exhibit showcases an extensive Underwater Room, displaying an 8-foot replica of Titanic as she appears on the bottom of the Atlantic today as well as over 400 artifact and historical treasures, including the second largest piece of Titanic ever recovered.

**Titanic Dinner Event - Saturday Night**

At a one-of-a-kind Titanic Dinner Event you are a participant in one of the most famous dinner parties in history, celebrating the retirement of Titanic's legendary Captain E. J. Smith as they did the night of the sinking. You will experience a sumptuous three-course meal, and will be treated to a "night to remember". You will interact with some of Titanic's most notable passengers and luminaries treating you to first-class food, first-class show and first-class fun! This unique experience also includes a tour of the ship and a re-enactment of that tragic night of April 14-15. Come on board our wonderful 'Ship of Dreams' and help us to keep her legacy alive.

## Stepping Forward for the Foundation

*Sunday, September 21 • 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.*
*(ticketed event – $35)*

Rise and shine and walk for the ENT-NF (SOHN's Foundation)! Join our walk leader, Anne Bigelow, on another one of her exciting and adventuresome journeys.

In addition: Invite colleagues, family and friends to sponsor your walk. Chapter members join the Chapter Challenge and walk for the Foundation. All donations will benefit ENT-NF Scholarships, Lectureships, ORL Education and Research.

Each participant will receive a limited edition 2014 Foundation T-shirt.

## Grand Opening of SOHN Exhibit Hall

*Sunday, September 21 • 10:00 a.m.*

Don't miss the ribbon-cutting event that marks the official opening of the Exhibit Hall. Refreshments will be served as you view displays reflecting the state of the art in technology, products and services. With cutting-edge products and services showcased throughout the exhibit hall, this is truly a highlight of the annual meeting. You're guaranteed a solid return on investment for the time you spend with company representatives and you'll walk away with new ideas to improve your practice. Attendees who complete their Exhibit Viewing Card will have a chance to win a free 2015 Congress Registration!

Hours: Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Monday 8:00 am – 3:45 pm

## CORLN Luncheon

*Sunday, September 21 •*
*11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.*
*(ticketed event – $35)*

*Sponsored by the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (NCBOHN)*

We are proud of our CORLNs! It's time to gather again and meet informally with CORLNs from around the country while enjoying a special buffet luncheon designed expressly for our certified nurses. Please bring two test questions to add to our test item bank.

## APN Scoping Course 2014

*Sunday, September 21 • 12:45 – 5:00 p.m.*
*(ticketed course – additional fee)*

This course provides didactic information and hands on experience with the use of rigid and flexible scopes. The first two hours will focus on the didactic information including: anatomy of the nose, sinuses, nasopharynx, hypopharynx and larynx; indications

## A Warm Welcome to New SOHN Members

Marie S. Bergomi
*Chagrin Falls, OH*

Cynthia M. Bocchino
*Whitehouse Station, NJ*

Jennifer R. Brosch
*Carroll, IA*

Judy DeBoer
*Iron Mountain, MI*

Anne M. Gadia
*Augusta, GA*

Beverly Garber
*Sacramento, CA*

Jordan J. Garner
*Pearland, TX*

Susan G. Kean - Smith
*Bay City, MI*

M. Diane Leithold
*Dayton, OH*

Martha F. Lisicki
*Folly Beach, SC*

Jamie L. Lock
*Pinckney, MI*

Jeannette Lovell
*Birmingham, AL*

Bonnie MacAdams
*Newburyport, MA*

Angela Marshall
*Cincinnati, OH*

Roxana F. Mercado
*Miramar, FL*

Jessica A. Merritt
*Homestead, FL*

Lisa A. Moore
*Charleston, WV*

Robin S. O'Brien
*Appleton, WI*

Lori P. Papaeracleous
*Kingsville, MD*

Colleen M. Richmond
*University City, MO*

Allison Diane Rose
*Chicago, IL*

Danielle Scaramuzzo
*Wakefield, MA*

Sally Shannon
*Southlake, TX*

Diana B. Smith
*Carroll, IA*

Megan A. Smith
*Bedford, MA*

Alison V. Smyth
*Denver, CO*

Virginia M. Stramaglia
*Charleston, SC*

Deidre Thompson
*Washington, DC*

Bonnie L. Tobias
*Dedham, MA*

Donnelle I. Wagner
*Lavaca, AR*

Shajuanda C. Walker
*Houston, TX*

Susan A. Welhouse
*Greenville, WI*

Mary Wiesen
*West Bend, WI*

## ENT-NF Wall of Honor

***"to honor, to thank, to cherish the memory"***

**Gifts have been received in memory of:**

*Ron Sebek*
*by Ann McKennis*

*Donate online click on the "Click to Donate" button on SOHN's homepage www.sohnnurse.com*

## Noteworthy Courses and Events *... continued*

for flexible and rigid endoscopic exam, techniques, potential risks, abnormal findings and coding/billing procedures. Pediatric scoping evaluation and common abnormalities will be discussed. The last two hours will provide practicum time integrating rigid and flexible exams using head models. Experienced faculty will demonstrate skills and participants will have time to practice these skills on the models. Volunteer participants may be able to scope each other pending availability of special equipment.

### ENT-NF Annual Benefit

*Sunday evening, September 21 – Monday afternoon, September 22*

*Awarding of prizes: Monday at 3:15 p.m.*

The very entertaining and outrageous ENT-NF Annual Benefit, the Outrageous Raffle, offers unique gifts and prizes that have been generously donated. By participating in the event you can win great items while promoting the work of the Foundation. Benefits: Priceless.

### Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese Reception

*Sunday, September 21 • 6:00 – 7:30 pm*

Join friends old and new and relax after a busy day at Congress 2014. Stroll leisurely through the poster presentations and learn new techniques or practices. Meet the Candidates and hear their positions. Greet the Board of Directors and let them inspire you to be involved. Mingle with the local chapter members and view their displays. Participate in the ENT-NF Benefit. Enjoy a taste of artisanal cheeses, specialty breads and fresh tropical fruit. Cash bar. A perfect way to end your day!

### Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses

**Notice of Business Meeting**

*Monday, September 22 • 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.*

Join the SOHN Officers and Board Members for the Annual Business Meeting. Elect new officers and learn what is happening in your association. All registrants are welcome to attend.

## Society of Otorhinolaryngology & Head-Neck Nurses 38th Annual Congress

**Register Early**

- Save money
- Save time
- Poster displays
- APN Scoping Course 2014
- Comprehensive ORL – Head and Neck Nursing Course
- ORL Nursing Pharmacology Course
- More than 65 educational offerings
- Exhibits

**Join us for**

- President's Gala ~ Titanic: The Experience
- ENT-NF Annual Benefit
- Annual Business Meeting
- Stepping Forward for the Foundation Walk

***See the May Update for registration forms or register online at www.sohnnurse.com***

# Meet The Candidates

## Election Notice

The Slate of Candidates for the SOHN Election 2014 is presented on the following pages. All Full Members of SOHN are eligible to vote. Voting shall take place at the SOHN Annual Congress. Full Members who do not attend Congress may request an absentee ballot (by filling out a "Request for Absentee Ballot" form printed on page 4). A "Request for Absentee Ballot" form must be received by SOHN no later than August 2, 2014. The deadline for receipt of the absentee ballot in the SOHN office is September 6, 2014.

## Candidate for the Position of: President-Elect

**Deena B. Hollingsworth MSN FNP-BC CORLN**

**Years of SOHN membership:**
6 years

**Education:**
- University of Wyoming, BSN, 1971
- University of Colorado, MSN, 1975
- Marymount University, Post Masters Certificate, 1998

**Community Service:**
March of Dimes, American Heart Association Volunteer, BCLS Instructor American Heart Association 1975-2014

**Publications/Presentations:**
- Author – chapter on fluid and electrolyte imbalances, *Medical Surgical Nursing: A Conceptual Approach*, Jones et.al. McGraw Hill
- Reviewer – Student Workbook and Laboratory Manual *Health Assessment for Nursing Practice*, Giddens, Jean. Mosby
- Reviewer – *Fluid and Electrolytes*, Kee and Paulanka, Delmar Publishers.
- Presenter – suturing workshop. Marymount University and George Mason University
- Co-author – AAO-HNS Clinical Practice Guideline: Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss (2012)
- Co-author – AAO-HNS Clinical Practice Guideline: Tinnitus (2014)
- Medical Management of Vertigo SOHN Pharmacy Course 2009/Congress 2009
- Pharmacologic Management of Herpes Zoster SOHN Annual Congress 2010
- Evaluation and Treatment of Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss SOHN Annual Congress 2011
- Steroids: Friend or Foe SOHN Annual Congress 2012
- Audiology Issues in the Golden Years Annual Congress 2013
- Tinnitus Management Annual Congress 2014
- Otology, Nose, Sinus, and Oral Cavity, Pediatric ENT ORL Nursing Review Course 2010-2014

**Certifications:**
- CORLN - Certified Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Nurse, 2009-present
- ANCC - Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, 1998-present

**SOHN:**

**Local chapter (Atlanta):**
Spring Meeting Speaker- Vertigo 2010

**National:**
- Presenter Annual Congress 2009–2014
- Presenter ORL Review Course 2009–2014
- Coordinator ORL Review Course 2012–2014
- Advanced Practice SIG Group Facilitator 2011–2013
- Otology SIG Group Facilitator 2010–2012
- Director SOHN Board 2011–2013
- Vice President SOHN 2013–present (term ends January 2015)
- SOHN representative for AAO-HNS Clinical Guideline Development Group
- Committees
  - Bylaws
  - Policy and Procedure

**Other Organizations:**
- Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners 1998–present, Board Member 2004–2010
- Northern Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, 1998–present, President 2002–2003
- Sigma Theta Tau
- AANP — 2003–present, AANP Nurse Practitioners Network for Research, AANP Legislative Conference (2014)

**Qualifications for this position:**
I have been an active member of SOHN for the last 6 years serving in various positions. I have had leadership experience through 43 years of nursing as well as specific leadership roles in SOHN and the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners. I believe I have the essential skills needed for the office of President Elect. These include:
- Commitment to the mission of SOHN
- Strong communication skills
- Consensus builder
- Diplomatic
- Sense of humor

**Position statement:**

These are changing times in health care. As nurses we have an important part to play. We must continue to develop the science of our practice through research but not lose sight of the art of nursing as well. I hope to be a part of SOHN's continuing effort to provide ORL-HN nurses with the resources needed to develop this role as an important member of the health care team. As President Elect and eventually President I would:

- Encourage the use of evidence-based practice.
- Foster critical thinking and clinical research to increase the body of evidence-based knowledge.
- Provide quality continuing education opportunities for our membership.
- Encourage collegial relationships with our physician partners.
- Maintain a legislative presence at State and National levels.

## Candidate for the Position of: President-Elect

**Erin J. Ross DNP MS ANP-BC CORLN**

**Years in SOHN:**

18 years

**Education:**

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, 2013
- Masters in Nursing (MS), Advanced Practice Nursing, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, 1999
- Bachelor of Nursing Science (BSN), Nursing, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, 1990

**Certifications:**

- Certified Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurse (CORLN) by the National Certifying Board for Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

**Greater Cleveland Area Chapter:**

- Vice President (2000-2001, 2008-present)
- Key leadership and direction in the revitalization of the chapter
- Oral Cancer Screening annually to the public
- Med Works Volunteer annually (providing free oral cancer screenings to the uninsured)
- Lectures locally
  - Transformational Leadership Practices of Nursing Leaders in Professional Nursing Associations (2013)
  - ORL Review Course in Beachwood, Ohio: Otology & Oral Cavity/Nasal & Sinus (2009)
  - ORL Review Course in Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Otology & Oral Cavity/Nasal & Sinus (2010)

**National:**

- SOHN Board of Directors (2008-2010) - Committee work on leadership development and ORL review course development
- ORL Course Coordinator (2008-2011) - Implemented key changes to the course, traveled with course to serve local community chapters, brochure development
- SOHN/ENT-NF Vice President (2010-2012) - Implemented and developed leadership to the strategic plan, ad hoc committee member, developed leadership committee task force
- GRC Committee Chair (2012-2014) — Activities included but not limited to: Instituted a GRC general assembly lecture for the annual meeting, evaluate GRC name change, development of a Poster Board idea for 2014 Congress, ongoing review of the GRC handbook manual, legislative platforms and GRC legislative toolkit, submission of articles for the journal, monitor and addresses key legislative initiatives related to SOHN, establish and maintain grassroots legislative relationships, enhance the visibility of professional nurses in policy, political, and practice environments, attended the 19th Washington Health Policy Institute and met with Senator Portman (R-Ohio) about the IOM Report on the Future of Nursing on Capitol Hill
- Education Committee Member (2008-present)
- Faculty ORL Physical Assessment Course (2008)
- Faculty Nasal Endoscopy Course (2008-present)
- Faculty for ORL Review Course (2008-present)
- SOHN Nursing Research Award Recipient (2013)
- Telephone Interviewee for ANCC Reaccrediting (2010)
- Reviewer for Academy Hoarseness Guidelines (2011)
- SOHN Midwinter Board Guest Attendee (2008)
- Leadership Task Force Chairman (2011-present)

- Activities included but limited to: Reviewed existing leadership development practices, defined and update elected position descriptions, recognition in UPDATE of elected position activities (i.e. community service, published articles, advanced education), formation of a buddy system to help newly elected BOD members to orient to BOD activities and responsibilities, course offering on leadership development at each Congress

- Coordinator and Moderator volunteer at the SOHN Congress Annual Meeting (annually)
- Lecture Sampling:
  - Transformational Leadership Practices of Nurse Leaders in Professional Nursing Associations, SOHN Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, September 29, 2013
  - Dizziness in the Older Adult, Case Western Reserve University, Francis Payne Bolton College of Nursing, July 13, 2013

- Dizziness, Case Western Reserve University, Francis Payne Bolton College of Nursing, February 17, 2012, March 15, 2011
- SOHN Comprehensive ORL and Head & Neck Nursing Course, Chicago, IL, April 28, 2011; San Francisco, CA, September, 17, 2011; Boston, MA, October 24, 2010; Las Vegas, NV, April 20, 2010
- Interesting Topics in ORL Nursing-Salivary Stones, SOHN Spring Seminar Series, Las Vegas, NV, April 21, 2010
- SOHN Comprehensive ORL and Head & Neck Nursing Course, San Diego, CA, September 29, 2009,; Cleveland, OH, April 29, 2009; Philadelphia, PA, March 20, 2009; Chicago, IL, September 19, 2008; Orlando, FL, May 1, 2008
- The Adult ORL Exam, SOHN National Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 2, 2008
- SOHN Comprehensive ORL and Head & Neck Nursing Course, September 14, 2007, Washington, DC
- Assessment of the Head and Neck, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA, February 14 & 17, 2006
- Advanced Head & Neck Assessment Course, SOHN National Conference, San Diego, CA, September 2002
- Sutures & Needles Used in the Outpatient Clinic Setting, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, February 23, 2001
- Endoscopic Sinus Cultures, SOHN National Conference, Denver, CO, September 8, 2001
- Advanced Head & Neck Assessment Course, SOHN National Conference, Denver, CO, September 11, 2001

**Other Organizations:**

- Sigma Theta Tau: Member (1990-present)
  - Research Grant Award Recipient (2013)
- Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses: Member (2000-present)
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners: Member (2012-present)
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation Flu Vaccination Committee Member (2000-2001)
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation Advance Practice Counsel for Credentialing and Privileging of Advanced Practice Nurses Member (2001-2002, 2008-2010)

**Sampling of Publications:**

- Ross, E.J., Fitzpatrick, J.J., Click, E.R., Krouse, H.J., Clavelle, J.T. (2013).Transformational leadership practices of nurse leaders in professional nursing associations. Journal of Nursing Administration, 44(4):201-6.
- Ross, E.J. (2013). IOM Report on the Future Nursing Update. ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal, Summer 2013, Vol: 31(3), pages 6-7.
- Dawson, C.J., Hickey, M.M., & Newton, S., (Eds.). (2011). Telephone triage for otolaryngology and head-neck nurses. Pittsburg, PA: Oncology Nursing Society. Throat Clearing, Dysphonia, Hemoptysis
- Fitzpatrick J.J. & Ea E.E. (2012). 201 careers in nursing, New York, NY: Springer. ENT Nurse, ENT Nurse Practitioner
- Hickey, M. & Newton, S. (Eds.) (2012).Telephone triage for oncology nurses. Pittsburg, PA: Oncology Nursing Society. Hemoptysis
- Folan, P., DeCain Tarraza, M., Delaney, M., Fardellone, C., Lerners, C., Ross, E., Fitzpatrick, J.J. (2012). Leadership initiatives to disseminate the Institute of Medicine's Report on the future of nursing. Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice. (published online 23 April 2012) DOI: 10. 1177/1527154411435992
- Panje, W.R., Heir, M.P., Garman, G.R., Harrell, E., et al. Electroporation therapy of head and neck cancer (1998). Annals of Otology, Rhinology, & Laryngology. 10(9 Pt. 1):779-85.

**Position statement:**

My 19 years of experience volunteering in SOHN has been about learning and change, about empowerment to fulfill one's potential, and about mutual caring. I think it this important to recognize that as President you only have two years to accomplish any goals set forth and attend to the many other duties asked of the position. I started focusing on these goals many years ago as a board of director, then VP and have continued to make it a priority of my work at SOHN. I envision a SOHN leadership that is well prepared to lead SOHN members in a changing healthcare environment. This would come to life with a strong strategic plan that promotes leadership through membership and leadership development. This initiative will advance the nurse leader through education, research and practice. The SOHN nurse leader will be prepared to meet the challenges of a transitional healthcare environment. SOHN membership will benefit by participating in educational programs that will showcase leadership development and practice.

I believe my research in leadership and leadership experience makes me the right candidate to be the President of SOHN. My research focused on transformational leadership practices of nurse leaders in professional nursing associations. This is the first study to describe transformational leadership (TL) practices of nurse leaders in professional nursing associations (PNAs). Results of this study show that nurse leaders of PNAs emulate practices of TL. Transformational leaders can mobilize and direct association members in reaching shared values, objectives, and outcomes. Understanding TL practices of nurse leaders in PNAs

are important to the future of nursing in order to enable nurses to lead change and advance health through these organizations.

In the position of President-elect and then President, I will continue to move SOHN safely through a complex healthcare environment by focusing on membership and leadership development of our future nurse leaders. I will strive to keep SOHN financially viable and strong. I will exhibit transformational qualities of charisma, flexibility, shared leadership, vision, expertise and authenticity. I will remain actively committed to excellence in nursing.

## Candidate for the Position of: Vice-President

**Mary Ellen Diotalevi RN CORLN**

**Years of SOHN membership:**
23 years

**Education/Achievements:**

- Associate of Science, Nursing Degree from Quinnipiac University 1979.
- RN-BSN Program, Grand Canyon University (anticipate pursuing).
- CORLN certification 2005
- Medical Administrator in five physician multisite ORL adult and pediatric practice for 25 years
  - Responsible for training, supervision, and evaluation of all medical staff
  - Oversee all financial purchases of medical equipment in the practice
  - Implemented the planning and successful establishment of multiple office locations
  - Clinical coordinator for Neuro-otologist in the practice
  - Current office resource for leading the office transition from paper to EHR
  - Development and implementation of OSHA/ Safety Manual guidelines

**SOHN**

- Board of Directors 2012-Present
- Membership Enhancement Committee Chairperson 2012-Present
- Initiated the Connecticut Chapter of SOHN, President-2014
- Special Interest Group Leader (SIG) for office based practice 2011-Present
- Volunteers Interested in Participation (VIP), Room Moderator/Coordinator
- Otology Special Interest Group (SIG) Leader
- Co-Presenter of Office Based: Transnasal Esophagoscopy Lecture at 2011 Annual Congress & Nursing Symposium, San Francisco, CA
- Recruitment of presenters at previous SOHN National Congress Meetings

**Additional:**

- Past coordinator of Connecticut ENT Society semi-annual meetings
- Certified Smoke Stopper Instructor through Yale-New Haven Hospital
- Counselor of rape victims/battered women; Yale University Hospital's Victimology Services
- American Red Cross Volunteer; New Haven, CT
- Special Olympics Medical Support Volunteer; New Haven, CT
- Arts & Ideas Festival volunteer; New Haven, CT
- Lions Club, fundraiser for club events; Bethany, CT

**Qualifications:**

Currently serving on the Board of Directors, I have witnessed the importance of volunteering time to our organization. As the Membership Enhancement Committee Chair, I initiated new marketing strategies to increase membership, promoting networking and continuing education. I feel my enthusiasm, commitment, and positive attitude to this organization will help make me a valuable contributor as Vice President of SOHN.

**Position statement:**

It would be an honor to serve SOHN as the Vice President. My focus is to continue to develop innovative means to increase membership of our society, reaching out to nursing schools, hospitals, private offices to promote awareness of our professional organization. My mission is to further the momentum of moving forward in achieving our goal to provide quality patient care amidst this changing health care environment.

## Candidate for the Position of: Vice-President

**Sharon Jamison BSN RN CORLN**

**Years of SOHN membership:**
26 years

**Education/Achievements:**

- 2007-2012, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, BSN- Nursing
- 1969-1972, Altoona Hospital, Altoona, PA, School of Nursing, Diploma- Nursing
- 1969-1970, Pennsylvania State, Altoona, PA, University-Altoona Campus, Basic Science Courses

**Certification:**

Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nursing (CORLN) 1992-1997 and 2003 to present

**SOHN:**

**Greater Houston Area Chapter:** President, regional seminar planning committee member and presenter.

**Nationally:** Chapter Coordinating Chair, Congress Planning Committee and Chair, Board of Directors, Treasurer, and podium/ poster presenter and Board of Directors- NCBOHN.

**Other Professional Organizations:** ASORN, the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses- presently serving on the Conference Planning Committee.

**Qualifications:**

I have worked in many areas of SOHN, in the trenches locally and nationally as supporter and as leader. I believe that my past service deems me quite capable to serve as Vice- President.

**Position Statement:**

I have knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of SOHN through many years of service to the organization. Because our Society has a strong, loyal membership, our future looks promising, but we will continue to succeed only if our leaders actively mentor the newer members into leadership roles. As Vice President, I will devote much of my time to mentorship, making every effort to encourage others to step up to lead the way.

## Candidate for the Position of: Secretary

### Carolyn Waddington MSN RN FNP CORLN

**Years of SOHN membership:**

27 years

**Education:**

- MSN - Texas Woman's University, Houston Campus, 2002
- BSN - Texas Woman's University, Houston Campus, 1979

**Professional Experience:**

**Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas**

- Perioperative Practitioner ORL OR/Anesthesia Preop Evaluation Clinic, 2010-present
- Staff Nurse, ORL Operating Room - 1988-2001
- Patient Care Coordinator, ORL OR, 2001-2010
- Staff Nurse, Main Operating Room, 1985-1988
- Staff and Charge Nurse, Jones 8 ORL Floor, 1980-1985
- Student Nurse, Rotating Units, 1975-1979

**Certifications:**

- Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Nurses, 1993-1998. 1999-2018
- Board of Directors, National Certifying Board of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, 1999-2001
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 2002-2012, 2012-2017

**Professional Associations and Activities:**

- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 2001-present
- Sigma Theta Tau International, 2001-2006
- American Nurses Association, 1999 - present
- Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN), 1985-1988, 1989- present
- Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Nurses (SOHN), 1981-1985, 1989–present

**Awards:**

SOHN Literary Award 2013; SOHN Outstanding Service Award, 2009; ICARE award nominee, 2nd Quarter, 2009; Methodist Star of the Quarter, 2002; Honor Award, SOHN, 2000; Honoree, Texas Nurse's Association's Outstanding Nurse Award, 1997; Honor Award, SOHN 1997

**Publications:**

Multiple local and national – for SOHN – Greater Houston Chapter, SOHN ORL Head and Neck Nursing, AORN Journal, and The Methodist Hospital

**Poster Presentations:**

- "Changing Behavior: Evidence-Based Practice Supporting Hair Removal with Clippers.", The 31st Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, Washington, DC, 2007
- "Skin Cancer Education for ORL Nurses" The 23rd Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, San Antonio, TX, 1999
- "Complications of Thyroid Surgery" The 19th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, New Orleans, LA, 1995
- "Unilateral Vocal Cord Paralysis" The 17th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, Minneapolis, MN, 1993
- "Laser Uses in Otolaryngology-Lighting the Way to the Future" The 16th Annual SOHN Congress and Nursing Symposium, Washington, DC, 1992

**Presentations:**

- CPG: Improving Voice Outcomes after Thyroid Surgery – Vancouver, BC, 37th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2013
- GERD & LPRD: Neutralizing the Acid – Washington, DC, 36th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2012
- EMRs in the OR – San Diego, CA, 35th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2011
- Vocal Cord Medialization – Boston, MA, 34th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2010
- Endoscope Reprocessing in the ENT Office - Boston, MA, 34th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2010
- Evidence Based Practice–Trach Care Guidelines, San Diego, CA, 33rd SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2009.
- Thyroid Cancer 101, Chicago, IL, 32nd SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2008.
- Deciphering Evidence Based Practice, Houston, TX, The Methodist Hospital, 2007.
- Pediatric and Geriatric Perioperative Considerations, Houston, TX, The Methodist Hospital, 2007

- Ossicular Chain Reconstuction, LA, CA, 29th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2005.
- Laryngeal Cancer–A Primer for the Perioperative Nurse, NYC, NY, 28th SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 2004
- Tobacco Cessation Panel, San Antonio ORL Nursing Congress, SOHN Nursing Congress and Symposium, 1998
- Publishing: Taking the Leap, The Methodist Hospital Clinical Seminar, Sept. 1997
- Chairman Houston-Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Seminar, Feb. 1996
- Management of Unilateral Vocal Cord Paralysis, Houston – Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Seminar, April 1994

**Qualification for this position:**

- SOHN Past National Board of Director, NCBOHN Vice President & Board of Director, Membership Committee Chair, Research & Practice Committee Chair, National Lecture and Poster Presenter, Editorial Board Member, Active Member
- Greater Houston Chapter past President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Regional Meeting Organizer and Speaker, Active Member
- Professional Experience in ORL for 31 years
- Strong commitment, organizational and leadership skills

**Position statement:**

As a long time member active at the national and local level in SOHN, the experience in a variety of capacities has prepared me for a leadership role as a national officer. We are all committed to providing safe, quality care for our patients and may often be challenged performing our tasks and obtaining great outcomes. Entering into my 34nd year in nursing, I have been involved in many changes and advances in healthcare. My love of nursing, otolaryngology and SOHN has provided me with the motivation to learn and advance in my career. My focus would be to help broaden awareness of the opportunities of SOHN and have others take advantage of the boundless activities awaiting them. The more people involved provides new and diverse ideas to help move the organization into the future. It is vital that our organization increases membership and the involvement of our membership to further the goals of education, research and patient care. I would utilize the knowledge and resources I have gained to fulfill the responsibilities of this position.

## Candidate for the Position of: Board of Director

### Nina DeSell CRNP

**Years of SOHN membership:**

8 years

**Education:**

- Postmasters certificate for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Johns Hopkins University graduated 1998
- Masters of Science in Maternal-Child Health at University of Maryland graduated 1993
- Bachelors of Science in Nursing at Lynchburg College of Virginia, graduated in 1986

**Experience:**

- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner 5/2006-present, Johns Hopkins Hospital Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
  Pediatric Nurse Practitioner 6/1998-2/2006
  Clinical Nurse Specialist 6/1992-6/1998
  Sinai Hospital in Baltimore
  Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition
- Pediatric Nurse Clinician 11/1989-1992
  Johns Hopkins Hospital
  Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition
- Pediatric Clinical Nurse September 9/1986-7/1992
  Johns Hopkins Hospital CMSC9

**Certification:**

Pediatric Nursing Certification

**Presentations:**

- Johns Hopkins School of Nursing PNP Program-Common GI illnesses in children 2004-2006
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine lecture for OHNS Residents – 2007-2009-GERD, formula and feeding tubes, ENT syndromes
- University of Maryland School of Nursing PNP Program – ENT Physical Assessment 2011and ENT 101 – Common problems in ENT 2013
- Pennsylvania State University School of Nursing 13th Annual Touching the Future of Children Obstructive Sleep Apnea October 2012

**Academic:**

Joint appointment Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and member of the Acute and Chronic Care Department 12/2009-present

**Presentations:**

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (SOHN)

**National Conferences:**

- Spring 2007 Case Study-Bronchogenic cyst
- Spring 2008 Pediatric OSA
- Spring 2009 Case Study-Midline Cervical Cleft
- Spring 2009 Syndrome Jeopardy
- Fall 2009 Pharmacology Course-Nasal Steroid Sprays
- Spring 2010 Common ENT Infections
- Spring 2010 Case Presentation: Vallecular Cyst
- Fall 2010 EXIT Procedure for CHAOS
- Spring 2011 Case Study-Rosai Dorfman
- Spring 2012 Tonsillectomy Roundtable, Ask the Experts
- Fall 2012 Newborn Hearing Screening and Congenital Hearing Loss
- Fall 2012 Otoscopy Workshop
- Spring 2013 The Draining Ear

**Maryland/DC Meeting SOHN**

- September 2009 Pediatric OSA
- March 2010 Syndrome Jeopardy
- June 2011 Stridor
- February 2013 Case Presentation-Rosai Dorfman
- March 2013 The Draining Ear

**National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)**

**National Conference:**

- March 2011 Management of Stridor in Infants
- March 2011 Snoring and Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- March 2012 Otoscopy Workshop
- March 2013 Otoscopy Workshop-2 workshops-Novice and Advanced

**Maryland/DC Conference:**

- 2006- Abdominal Pain in children
- 2009-Obstructive sleep apnea in children

**Reviewer:** Journal of Child Health Nursing 2012
Nursing Care in Pediatric Respiratory Diseases – Editor 2011

**Preceptor:** PNP/FNP students for Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, University of Maryland, George Washington University, and Medical University of South Carolina

**Awards:**

- Kalynn Quinn Hensley Lectureship 2010: EXIT Procedure for CHAOS
- Johns Hopkins Department of Surgery Nurses Week 2010 Nominee for Clinical Excellence Outpatient Advanced Practice-The Sunshine of the Year Award
- SOHN Honor Award 2012

**Organizations:**

**NAPNAP- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners**
Clinical Expert Panel 2010-present

**SOHN**

- Maryland/DC Chapter- President 6/2009-present
- MD/DC Newsletter editor 2007
- MD/DC Conference Planning Committee 2009-present
- National Nominating Committee 2011-2013
- National Nurse Planner 2011-present
- National Moderator/Coordinator SOHN annual meeting 2008-2013
- MD/DC Planning Committee 2009-2013 Spring Meeting

Joint Commission/PCPI National Summit on Overuse-Tympanostomy Tubes Technical Advisory Panel-Overuse of Tympanostomy Tubes for Brief Effusions-NAPNAP representative March 2012

**Qualifications for this position:**

Leader on a local and national level, willingness to commit to advancement of ENT nursing.

**Position statement:**

I am a pediatric nurse practitioner at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the President of the SOHN Maryland/DC Chapter. I would like to continue an active role and continued participation in our national chapter as a member of the Board of Directors to advance our organization and promote ENT nursing.

## Candidate for the Position of: Board of Director

**Deborah Farragher BSN RN CORLN**

**Years of SOHN membership:**
9 years

**Educational Background:**

- Bachelor of Science Degree Kent State University in Kent, Ohio,1986
- Completing MSN September, 2014. University of Phoenix in Beachwood, Ohio

**Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:**

- SOHN Nominating Committee 2012, 2013
- SOHN Nominating Committee Chair 2013
- SOHN Otology Special Interest Group Facilitator 2011-2014
- Sigma Theta Tau member 2013 (Iota Psi Chapter)
- Sigma Theta Tau member elected secretary for 2013-2015 academic term

**Qualifications for this position:**

I have 28 years of nursing experience, 11 of those being in Otolaryngology. I have been an active participant locally and nationally in SOHN. I have served as Nominating Chair in 2013 and have served our local SOHN Chapter as secretary for the last 5 years. I have been serving as Special Interest Group facilitator for Otology. I am finishing my MSN in September. I have presented on multiple occasions locally and nationally for SOHN.

**Position statement:**

I would be honored to be considered as a candidate for the position of Board of Directors. I have been active in SOHN and have enjoyed being in the field of otolaryngology nursing for 11 years. The amazing professionals I have met in the SOHN organization have been an inspiration to me professionally, educationally, and personally. I would be honored to serve and become more active in our organization and I would bring to the organization my dedication, enthusiasm, and the desire to advance our profession. I am committed to my colleagues and our organization and would truly be honored to be elected for a position on the Board of Directors. As Henry Ford quoted, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." It would be a privilege to work with SOHN at the next level and serve our SOHN members to the very best of my ability. I thank you for considering me as a candidate for Board of Directors.

It is an honor to be considered for the SOHN Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure being involved with SOHN, learning, sharing and ultimately teaching best practices to fellow nurses and students as well as bringing a high level of care to my patients from all I have learned from my fellow practitioners.

## Candidate for the Position of: Board of Director

**Chester Hilton BSN RN CNOR**

**Years of SOHN membership:**
13 years

**Educational Background/Significant Achievements/Career Highlights/Awards/ Committee Work/Publications/Other:**

- Associate Degree in Nursing from Western Wisconsin Technical College 1985
- Bachelors in Nursing from Viterbo University 2006
- Staff nurse on orthopedic/urology unit at St. Francis Medical Center 1985-1989
- Staff nurse at Gundersen Health System in operating rooms 1989-2013
- Team leader of OTO/Plastic Surgery/Oral Surgery 1998-2013
- Service Line Supervisor OTO/Plastic Surgery/Oral Surgery/Neurosurgery 2013-present
- Member of Gundersen Health System's Inpatient Care Council for 7 years, chair of council for 3 years
- Membership in SOHN since 2001
- Membership in ANA 1985-2012
- Membership in AORN since1990
- Membership in American Assembly of Men in Nursing (AAMN) since 2010

**Position Statement:**

I have been a member of SOHN since 2001 and have been to many of the annual congresses since then. I have always been impressed with the high quality of the leadership and programs that is SOHN. I feel that I have much to offer the members of SOHN. I know that our true power comes from you, the members and the chapters. I would look into ways of encouraging members to seek out other ORL nurses to join our organization, thereby, increasing the membership, strengthening the chapters and the organization as a whole. The educational offerings of SOHN have been one of the main reasons of my continued membership and I would help to insure that those educational offerings continue. Most of all, I would be your voice on the Board of Directors. I would encourage open communication so your ideas, your needs and your concerns would be heard at the national level. Thank you for your support.

## Candidate for the Position of: Board of Director

**Vinciya Pandian PhD RN ACNP-BC**

**Years of SOHN membership:**
6 years

**Educational Background:**

- 2013, PhD in Nursing, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
- 2004, Master of Science in Nursing, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
- 1996, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery, College of Nursing Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, India

**Professional Experience:**

- 2013–Present, Director of Practice, Education, and Research, Johns Hopkins Airway Program,The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2013–Present, Nursing Director, Percutaneous Tracheostomy Service, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2007–2013, Tracheostomy Nurse Practitioner and Research Associate, Percutaneous Tracheostomy Service, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2004–2007, Research Intern, Lung Lab, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2004–2007, Research Collaborator, General Clinic Research Center, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2004–2007, Pulmonary Nurse Practitioner/Program Coordinator, Pulmonary Progressive Care Unit, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
- 2003–2006, Critical Care Transport Nurse (Nurse Clinician II), Lifeline Critical Care Transport Program, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

- 2001–2003, Critical Care Nurse (Nurse Clinician I), Medical Intensive Care Unit, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- 2000–2001, Critical Care Nurse (Full Partner), Medical Intensive Care Unit, University of Maryland Medical Systems, Baltimore, MD
- 1998–2000, Staff Nurse, Medical-Surgical Oncology Floor, Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD
- 1998–1998, Patient Care Technician, Medical-Surgical Oncology Floor, Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD
- 1997–1998, Junior Faculty, Giffard Memorial Hospital School of Nursing , Nuzvid, India
- 1996–1997, Public Health Nurse and Midwife, Community Health Department Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, India
- 1996–1997, Nurse Midwife, Labor and Delivery Room, Community Health Department Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, India

**Honors and Awards:**

- 2014, Shirley Sohmer Research Award, Baltimore, MD
- 2013, Research Poster Award–Outpatient Follow-Up of Tracheostomy Patients, 37th Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurse, Vancouver, BC
- 2013, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses Honor Award, Vancouver, BC
- 2013, Sue K. Donaldson Dissertation Award for the outstanding PhD Dissertation in the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
- 2012, 2012 Doctoral Award for Best Published Paper titled–Predictors of short-term mortality in patients undergoing percutaneous dilatational tracheostomy, Baltimore, MD
- 2011, Gold Medal Poster: Patient Safety and Quality Improvement–Quality of Life in Mechanically Ventilated Patients–Pilot Study, Baltimore, MD, Thirteenth Annual Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine Research Day
- 2011, Clinical Poster Award–Tracheostomy Tube Capping and Decannulation Guidelines: A QI Project, San Francisco, CA, 34th Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- 2010, Patient Education Video Award–Tracheostomy and Laryngectomy Stoma Care, Boston, MA, 33rd Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
- 2009, Research Poster Award–Model for Best Practice: Nurse Practitioner Facilitated Tracheostomy Service, San Diego, CA, *32nd Congress and Nursing Symposium, Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses*
- 2004, Sigma Theta Tau Nu Beta Chapter Award in recognition of superior academic achievement, creative scholarship, and research, Baltimore, MD
- 2002, Inducted into Society Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Beta Chapter, Baltimore, MD
- 1992, Best Outgoing Student Award, Pragasapuram, India; 1992, First Rank in Science Major Award, Pragasapuram, India; 1991, First Rank among all Majors (Science, Mathematics and Commerce) Award, Pragasapuram, India; 1991, First Rank in Science Major Award, Pragasapuram, India

**Publications:**

A sampling of publications. Peer Reviewed Publications (*Data Based)

- *Pandian V, Bose S, Miller CR, Schiavi AJ, Feller-Kopman DJ, Bhatti NI, Mirski MA. Exploring quality of life in critically ill tracheostomy patients: a pilot study. *ORL Head Neck Nurse*. 2014 Winter; 32(1):6–13
- *Pandian V, Miller CR, Schiavi AJ, Yarmus L, Contractor A, Haut ER, Feller-Kopman DJ, Mirski MA, Morad AH, Carey JP, Hillel AT, Maragos CS, Bhatti NI. Utilization of a Standardized Tracheostomy Capping and Decannulation Protocol to Improve Patient Safety. *Laryngoscope* 2014; (Epub ahead of print)
- *Malik MU, Pandian V, Masood H, Diaz DA, Varela V, Davalos-Balderas AJ, Parra-Cardenas M, Seo P, Francis HW. Spectrum of immune-mediated inner ear disease and cochlear implant results. *Laryngoscope* 2012;122(11):2557-2562.
- *Yarmus L, Pandian V, Gilbert C, Schiavi A, Haider A, Chi A, Morad A, Miller C, Efron D, Stevens K, Gangidi S, Vaswani R, Haut E, Mirski M, Bhatti N, Feller-Kopman D. Safety and efficiency of interventional pulmonologists performing percutaneous tracheostomy. *Respiration* 2012;84(2):123-127.
- *Pandian V, Miller CR, Mirski MA, Schiavi AJ, Morad AH, Vaswani RS, Kalmar CL, Feller-Kopman DJ, Haut ER, Yarmus LB, Bhatti NI. Multidisciplinary team approach in the management of tracheostomy patients. *Otolaryngology Head Neck Surgery* 2012;147(4):684-691.
- *Mirski MA, Pandian V, Bhatti N, Haut E, Feller-Kopman D, Morad A, Haider A, Schiavi A, Efron D, Yarmus L, Stevens KA, Miller CA, Papangelou A, Vaswani R, Kalmar C, Gupta S, Intihar P, Mack S, Rushing AP, Chi A, Roberts VJ, Ulatowski J. Safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of a multidisciplinary percutaneous tracheostomy program. *Crit Care Med* 2012;40(6):1827-1834.

- Pandian V, Miller C. Body image reintegration and coping effectiveness after head and neck surgery: a review. *ORL Head Neck Nurse* 2012;30(1):16-19.
- *Pandian V, Gilstrap DL, Mirski MA, Haut ER, Haider AH, Efron DT, Bowman NM, Yarmus LB, Bhatti NI, Stevens KA, Vaswani R, Feller-Kopkan D. Predictors of short-term mortality in patients undergoing percutaneous dilatational tracheostomy. *J Crit Care* 2012;27(4):420-15.

**Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:**

- American Nurses Association, 2014–Present, Member
- International Nurses Association, 2013–Present, Member
- American Thoracic Society, 2013–Present, Member
- Society of Critical Care Medicine, 2012–Present, Member
- The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses MD/DC Chapter (Local), 2010–Present, Vice President, 2008–Present, Member
- The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses (National), 2012–Present, Nominating Committee Member
- Clinical Practice/Research Committee for the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses, 2010–Present, Member
- The Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, 2003–Present, Member
- Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Beta Chapter, 2002–Present, Member
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses, 2000–Present, Member
- Doctoral Student Organization, 2005–2013, Member, 2010–2011,
- Ethics Committee Representative, 2009–2010
- Curriculum Committee Representative, 2006–2007, Vice President
- Tracheostomy Guidelines Development Group for the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head-Neck Nurses, 2010–2011, Member
- Oncology Nursing Society, 1999–2000, Member
- Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses, 1999–2000, Member
- Trained Nurses Association of India, 1996–1998, Member
- Indian Red Cross Society, 1992–1998, Member

**Qualifications for this position:**

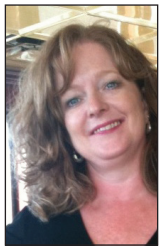
I have been working as a nurse for the last 18 years and specifically with the otolaryngology department for the last 7 years specializing in caring for patients with a tracheostomy and / or difficult airways. I have been an active member for the last 5 years. In the short 5 years, I have been involved with several committees both at the MD/DC chapter and the national level. At the local chapter, I am currently serving as the Vice President and at the national level, I am serving as the chair for the nominating committee, and member of education committee, research and practice committee, and the editorial board. I have presented at several conferences and published 18 articles related to tracheostomy and airways. The most important qualifications that I possess are my interest in the organization and my desire to become a nursing leader. It would be an honor to serve as a Board of Director at the SOHN.

**Position statement:**

If elected to serve in the Board of Directors committee, I would support the SOHN organization so that it will be central to the development of national education and research initiatives to fostering the professional growth of the ORL nurses within the organization through association with other institutions and organizations. One of my goals, if elected, is to take an increasing leadership role in the society. I would like to see every ORL nurse engaged in SOHN. SOHN offers a pathway for advancement of ORL nurses, and I would like to be a continuing part of ensuring this.

## Candidate for the Position of: Nominating Committee Member

**Lisa Clemons MSN RN OCN**



**Years of SOHN membership:**

7 years

**Educational background:**

- 2007, Master of Science in Nursing, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2000, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 1990, Associate Degree in Nursing, Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, AL

**Professional experience:**

- 2006–Present, Research Nurse Coordinator, Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2000–2006, Research Nurse Coordinator, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 1994–2006, Staff Nurse, General Clinical Research Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 1990–1994, Staff Nurse, Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit, Carraway Methodist Medical Center, Birmingham, AL

**Publications:**

- Dobelbower MC, Russo SM, Raisch KP, Seay LL, Clemons LK, Suter S, Posey J, Bonner JA. *Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor, Erlotinib, as a Radiosensitizer for Patients with Resectable Esophageal Cancer*. Anti-Cancer Drugs, 2006 Jan;17(1):95-102.
- Boudreaux BA, Rosenthal EL, Magnuson JS, Newman JR, Desmond RA, Clemons L, Carroll WR. *Robot-Assisted Surgery for Upper Aerodigestive Tract Neoplasms*. Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 2009 Apr;135(4):397- 401.
- Bohannon IA, Desmond RA, Clemons L, Magnuson JS, Rosenthal, EL. *Management of the N0 Neck in Recurrent laryngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma*. Laryngoscope, 2009 Oct 29.
- Dean NR, Rosenthal EL, Carroll WR, Kostrzewa JP, Jones VL, Desmond RA, Clemons L, Magnuson SM. *Robotic-Assisted Surgery for Primary or Recurrent Oropharyngeal Carcinoma*. Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 2010 Apr; 136(4): 380-384.
- Dean NR, Knowles JA, Helman EE, Aldridge JC, Carroll WR, Magnuson JS, Clemons L, Ziober B, Rosenthal EL. *Anti-EMMPRIN antibody treatment of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma in an ex-vivo model.* Anti-Cancer Drugs, 2010, 21:861-867.
- Heath CH, Deep NL, Nabell L, Carroll WR, Desmond R, Clemons L, Spencer S, Magnuson JS, Rosenthal EL, *Phase 1 study of erlotinib plus radiation therapy in patients with advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma* INT J Radiation Oncology Biol Phys, 2013, APR 1:85(5):1275-81 Epub 2012 Nov 22
- Sweeny L, Dean NR, Magnuson JS, Carroll WR, Clemons L, Rosenthal EL, *Assessment of tissue autofluorescence and reflectance for oral cavity cancer screening* Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, 2011, Dec;145(6):956-60. Epub 2011 Jul 29.

**Poster exhibits:**

- "A Review of Immediate Post Operative Communication Options for Patients Following Laryngectomy" Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN), Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA, September 9-14, 2011.
- "Stress in the Caregivers of Head and Neck Cancer Patients" Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN), Annual Meeting; San Francisco, CA, September 9-14, 2011.
- "P7's Experience with Care Coordination in Impacting Patient Outcomes" Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Nurses (SOHN) Annual Meeting; Washington, DC, September 7-11, 2012.
- "Social Media and Nursing Professionalism" Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and neck Nurses (SOHN), Annual Meeting; Vancouver, BC, Canada, September 27–October 1, 2013.
- "You Are Putting What on Me? Principles of Medicinal Leech Therapy" Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and neck Nurses (SOHN), Annual Meeting; Vancouver, BC, Canada, September 27–October 1, 2013.

**Affiliation with SOHN and Other Professional Organizations:**

- Birmingham Chapter SOHN, 2013-Present, President
- Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, 2013–Present, Research Practice Committee Member Birmingham Chapter SOHN, 2011-2013, Secretary
- Birmingham Chapter SOHN, 2007-Present, Member
- Central Alabama Chapter Oncology Nursing Society, 2009-2010, Board Member
- Central Alabama Chapter Oncology Nursing Society, 2001-Present, Member
- Oncology Nursing Society, 2001-Present, Member

**Qualifications for this position:**

I have been providing care to head and neck cancer patients since 2000 and more recently have become involved in the care of patients presenting with general otorhinolaryngology disorders. In my role as a research nurse, I have had the chance to witness novel therapies and ideas that go from the development stage to clinical trials for patients in this population. This opportunity has provided me the experience to identify characteristics of leaders who will seek nursing methods and ideas that will lead to promoting effective nursing leadership and outstanding care to our patients. I have been a member of SOHN both nationally and locally for five years and during this time have had the privilege to meet and learn from nurse leaders in our field. I have served as an officer in the local chapter for four years and currently serve on the Research Practice Committee for SOHN. Since becoming a member of SOHN, I have developed a passion in increasing awareness of our organization and the importance it plays in providing excellence of care for this patient population.

**Position statement:**

If elected to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee, I will support the mission of SOHN in helping to identify and seek leaders who will help maintain the level of excellence needed to make SOHN one of the leading professional nursing organizations both nationally and internationally. I will also seek the input of the members for their opinions on what characteristics are needed in the nursing leaders for our organization.

## Candidate for the Position of: Nominating Committee Member

### Laurie Turner MSN RN CORLN

**Years of SOHN membership:**
20 years

**Educational Background:**
- AA degree in Nursing from Harford Community College, 1976
- BSN University of Phoenix, 2010
- MSN Nursing Management and Informatics University of Phoenix, 2013

**Awards:**
- The Laurie K. Turner Award for Nursing Excellence (first recipient, 1990)

**Publications:**
- Farraq, T.Y., Boanhene, K.D., Agrawal, N., Turner, L., Byrne, P.J., Earnest, L., Koch, W.M.,… Tufano, R.P. (2007. Use of fibrin sealant in closing mucocutaneous fistulas following head and neck cancer surgery. Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, 17, 99-100.
- Pandian, V., Maragos, C., Turner, L., Mirski, M., Bhatti, N., & Joyner, K. (2011) Model for best practice: nurse practitioner facilitated percutaneous tracheostomy service. ORL-Head and Neck Nursing, 29(2), 8-15.

**Position statement:**

I have been a member of SOHN for 15 years. My otolaryngology career began in 1980 in the Johns Hopkins Outpatient clinic where I had the privilege to work collaboratively with a team of healthcare providers with a passion for the specialty. From an AA degree in nursing to a BSN and finally to a MSN, my nursing career has continued to provide me with great rewards and growth. As a Nominating Committee Member of SOHN will enhance my professional growth and allow me the opportunity to work with ORLHNS specialty nurses across the country.

## Candidate for the Position of: Nominating Committee Member

### Karen Ulmer MSN RN CORLN

**Years of SOHN membership:**
23 years

**Education:**
- Master of Science, Nursing, Stevenson University, May 2014
- Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Towson State University, May, 1990
- Certified in Otorhinolaryngology, Head-Neck Nursing (CORLN) 1994-present
- Frontline Leadership Academy, 2011

**Professional Experience:**
- Otolaryngology Nurse Specialist, The Milton J Dance, Jr Head & Neck Center, 2004-present
- Staff nurse, Inpatient ORL, H-N Unit, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, 1990-2004

**Professional Involvement:**
- Member, Maryland/Washington, DC Chapter Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. (SOHN), 1991–present
- Member, Oncology Nursing Society, 2006–present
- Sigma Theta Tau International
- National Nominating Committee, SOHN, 2006-2008
- Chair, National Membership Enhancement Committee, SOHN, 2006–2009
- Secretary, MD/DC Chapter SOHN, 2006-present
- New Member Taskforce, National Membership Enhancement Committee, 2005-2008
- Member, National Membership Enhancement Committee, SOHN, 2004-2012
- Nominating Committee of MD/DC Chapter SOHN, 2001-2005
- President, MD/DC Chapter SOHN, 1995-1997
- Secretary, MD/DC Chapter SOHN, 1993-1995

**Publications:**
- Jacqueline C. Junn, Irene A. Kim, Marianna L. Zahurak, Marietta Tan, Katherine Y. Fan, Spencer T. Lake, David Zaboli, Barbara P. Messing, Karen Ulmer, Karen B. Harrer, Dorothy Gold, Keri L. Ryniak, Eva S. Zinreich, Mei Tang, Marshall A. Levine, Ray G. Blanco, John R. Saunders, Joseph A. Califano, and Patrick K. Ha. Multidisciplinary Service Utilization Pattern by Advanced Head and Neck Cancer Patients: A Single Institution Study. *Int J Otolaryngol*. 2012; 2012: 628578. Published online 2012 October 18. doi: 10.1155/2012/628578

- Barbara P. Messing; Keri Ryniak; Jaclyn Shellenberger; Bethany Hieber; Karen Ulmer; Dorothy Gold; Karen Harrer; Melissa Kim; Lisa Valasek; Jessica Silinonte .Multidisciplinary Care of the Head and Neck Cancer Patient. *SIG 3 Perspectives on Voice and Voice Disorders* March 2012, Vol.22, 14-24. doi:10.1044/vvd22.1.14
- Best SR, Ha PK, Blanco RG, Saunders JR Jr, Zinreich ES, Levine MA, Pai SI, Walker M, Trachta J, Ulmer K, Murakami P, Thompson R, Califano JA, Messing BP. Factors associated with pharyngoesophageal stricture in patients treated with concurrent chemotherapy and radiation therapy for oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma. *Head Neck*. 2011 Dec; 33(12):1727-34. doi: 10.1002/hed.21657. Epub 2011 Jan 18.
- Sedaghat AR; Zhang Z; Begum S; Palermo R; Best S; Ulmer KM; Levine M; Zinreich E; Messing BP; Gold D; et al. Prognostic significance of human papillomavirus in oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas. *Laryngoscope*, 2009 Aug; 119 (8): 1542-9

**Presentations:**

- September 2012 "Geriatric Case Navigator: Implications of Juvenile-Onset ALS on HNSCC", SOHN 36th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, Washington, DC
- September 2011 "Advanced Tracheostomy and Laryngectomy Management", SOHN 35th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium, San Francisco, CA
- June 2011 6th grade Tobacco Module, North Harford Middle School
- October 2010 "The Milton J Dance Jr Head & Neck Experience: Multidisciplinary Care from Diagnosis Through Treatment and Beyond", The Milton J. Dance, Jr. Head & Neck Center's 13th Annual Conference on Head & Neck Rehabilitation
- October 2009 "Effects of Chemotherapy", The Milton J. Dance, Jr. Head & Neck Center's 12th Annual Conference on Head & Neck Rehabilitation
- March 2009 "Advanced Tracheostomy Management", Maryland/Washington, DC Chapter SOHN 14th Annual "Spring Into Practice"
- 2008 "Head and Neck Cancers: A 2-Part Comprehensive Course with Nurse-Centric Case Discussions", Recurring Regional Symposiums for Oncology Nurses, Institute for Medical Education and Research
- 2007 "New Paradigms in the Treatment of Head and Neck Cancers", Recurring Continuing Education Regional Symposiums for Oncology Nurses, Institute for Medical Education and Research
- October 2007 "Troubleshooting Tricky Trachs", The Milton J. Dance, Jr. Head & Neck Center's 10th Annual Conference on Head & Neck Rehabilitation
- March 2007 "Candida Prophylaxis", Research Forum, at Maryland/Washington, DC Chapter SOHN 12th Annual "Spring Into Practice"
- September 2006 "Candida Prophylaxis for Alaryngeal Patients using a Voice Prosthesis" at SOHN 30th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium
- August 2006 "CORLN Jeopardy", MD/DC Chapter SOHN, Chapter meeting
- March 2006 "Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Care", MD/DC Chapter SOHN 11th Annual "Spring Into Practice"

**Awards:**

- Cherokee Inspired Comfort Award, National Winner, October 2004

**Position statement:**

I look forward to this opportunity to serve again as a member of the National Nominating Committee. I firmly believe that each member of SOHN has something special to share with our organization. I hope to "seek out" each member's talent, and encourage each to share his/her abilities with SOHN for the betterment of our organization. I hope to facilitate diversity within our leadership, both in our leadership's areas of expertise, but also locales. I think that it's important that our leadership is representative of our membership so they can understand their needs and know how to serve them. Diversity is critical for our organization's ability to innovate and adapt in the fast-changing healthcare environment. Diversity breeds innovation, and innovation breeds success. I hope you support me as I try to find the best and most diverse group of leaders to bring success to SOHN.

# 2014 SOHN Calendar Events/Deadlines

**June**
- 24 Poster Application Deadline

**July**
- 1 Chapter Excellence Award Applications Deadline
- 1 Clinical Excellence Award Application Deadline
- 1 Honor Award Applications Deadline
- 1 Scholarship Applications Deadline
- 1 Forming Chapter Bylaws Deadline

**September**
- 1 CORLN Examination Application Deadline
- 19–23 SOHN 38th Annual SOHN Congress – Orlando, Florida

**October**
- 4–18 CORLN Examination Testing Period
- 15 Call for Abstracts 2015 Congress & Spring Seminar Series

**November**
- 1 Midwinter Board Meeting Guest Attendee Application Deadline
- 1 Nurse in Washington Internship Application Deadline
- 15 Lois Moore-Rogers Lectureship Deadline
- 30 Research Forum Abstracts Deadline

**December**
- 30 Nominations for Outstanding Service Award Deadline
- 30 Nominations for Friend of SOHN Award Deadline

## Future Congress Dates

September 25-29, 2015
Dallas, Texas

September 16-20, 2016
San Diego, California

## Spotlight on SOHN Members

# Jane Cooper, FNP-BC, CORLN

SOHN is very proud of its members and their special accomplishments! Jane has been chosen to be the recipient of the 2014 Cynthia Mabry Lectureship and she will be presenting at the 38th Annual Congress and Nursing Symposium-Innovation, Imagination, Inspiration: ORL Nursing-being held in Orlando, FL September 19-23, 2014. Her presentation is titled: Immunotherapy: SCIT and SLIT-What's the difference? It will share information about immunotherapy, both the patients and the challenges. Immunotherapy treatments will be presented, specifically allergy injections (SCIT) and sublingual therapy (SLIT). Jane also presented at the 2013 Congress.

Jane is a Nurse Practitioner with the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Missouri. She graduated from the University of Missouri in Nursing. Her interest in ENT patients started when she was a young staff nurse working in the SICU. She cared for a variety of post-op head and neck patients in the unit, alongside the patients with trauma. The ENT physicians in SICU, like Dr. David Parsons, were inspirational teachers and invited nursing input about care. Jane became hooked on ENT while there and later returned to get her FNP degree from the University of Missouri in order to work even more closely with her patients.

Jane's first NP ENT position was in private practice where she worked 11 years with both adults and children. The focus of the practice was sinus and allergy along with general ENT. Five years ago, Jane returned to the University to work primarily with pediatric ENT and decided to get her CORLN certification at that time. She also collaborates with Deb Ritchie, FNP, GNP, CORLN, a SOHN member, who is in the ENT Department. Jane says she is an excellent motivator/cheerleader!

Jane believes ENT nursing has been a great career choice for her. She feels she has been very fortunate to have wonderful teachers and mentors throughout her career. Her goal is to make a difference in the lives of her patients and to "pay it forward" to her nursing colleagues.

SOHN would like to congratulate Jane as the recipient of the 2014 Cynthia Mabry Lectureship and we look forward to hearing her presentation at Congress.

*Submitted by Mary Huntoon, MSN, RN, CORLN - BOD*